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AGREED ON BY THE
Lords and Commons concerning a
TREATY;

AND

Their desire of a safe Conduct for a Committee named by them, contained in a Letter of the 28. of *February* from the Earle of *Manchester* to the Lord *Viscount of Falkland*.

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HIS MAJESTIES

Gracious Answer thereunto, and a
Copy of His safe Conduct.

ALSO

The Articles concerning a Cessation proposed by both Houses of PARLIAMENT, and a Letter of the 28. of *February* from the said Earle of *Manchester*, to the said L. of *Falkland*, in which they were inclosed.

With His MAJESTIES gracious
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To the Right Honourable the

Lord VISCOUNT

F A L K L A N D,

Principall Secretary to His Majesty.

Manchester.

My Lord,



Am commanded by the Lords in Parliament to desire your Lordship to acquaint His Majesty, that both Houses of Parliament, having appointed a Committee to treat with His Majesty, they desire that a safe Conduct may be granted unto them by His Majesty. The number and the Names of the Committee Your Lordship shall receive here inclosed. My Lord I am

Your Lordships humble servant,
MANCHESTER,

February 28.

Speaker of the House of Peeres
pro tempore.

The Number and Names of the Committee.

Earle of Northumberland.
Lord Vic. Say and Seale.

Mr William Pierrepont.
Sir William Armyne.

Sir John Holland.
Mr Bulstrode Whitlocke.

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LORDS and COMMONS
in Parliament.


THat there shall be a Treaty upon the Propositions, before the disbanding. In which Treaty so much of His Majesties Propositions as concerneth the Magazines, Forts and Ships, and the Propositions of both Houses for the disbanding of the Armies, shall be first Treated of, and concluded on, before the proceeding to Treat upon any of the other Propositions.

And that this Treaty shall begin the fourth of March, or sooner if it may be. And that from the beginning of the Treaty, the time may not exceed Twenty dayes.

IO. BROWNE Cleric.
Parliamentorum.


HIS MAJESTIES **ANSWER TO THE VOTES**

of both Houses, and to their
desire of a safe Conduct.


His Majesty hath sent a safe Con-
 duct for the Earle of Northum-
 berland, Mr Perpoynt, Sir William
 Armyne, Sir John Holland, and Mr
 Whitlocke, but hath not admitted
 the Lord Say to attend Him, as
 being excepted against by name in His Procla-
 mation at Oxford, of the third of November, and
 by Writ to the Sheriffe Proclaimed then in that
 County, in which His Majesties intention is decla-
 red, to proceed against him as a Person guilty of
 high Treason, and so falling to be within the case
 of Sir John Evelin, who upon the same exception
 was not admitted to attend His Majesty with the
 rest of the Committee at Colebroke, in November
 last. But His Majesty doth signify, that in case the
 House shall think fit to send any other Person in
 the place of the Lord Say, that is not included in
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the like exception, His Majesty hath commanded all His Officers, Souldiers and other Subjects, to suffer him as freely to passe and repasse, as if his name had been particularly comprised in this safe Conduct. His Majesty is content that His Proposition concerning the Magazines, Forts, Ships, and Revenue, and the Proposition of both Houses for the disbanding of the Armies, shall be first Treated of, and agreed of, before the Proceeding to Treat upon any of the other Propositions. And that after the second of His Majesties, and the second of theirs be treated on, and agreed of, and so on in the same order. And that from the beginning of the Treaty, the time may not exceed twenty dayes, in which He hopes a full Peace and right understanding may be established throughout the Kingdom.

His Majesties safe Conduct.

 V R will and Pleasure is, And We doe hereby straitly Charge and Command all the Officers and Souldiers of Our present Army, and all Our Ministers and Subjects whatsoever, to permit and suffer Our Right trusty and Right wellbeloved Couzin and Counsellor *Algernon Earle of Northumberland*, and Our Trusty and Welbeloved *William Pierrepont Esq.* *Sir William Arwyne*, and *Sir John Holland* Knights, and *Bulstrode Whitlock* Esquire (together with their Servants) to passe and repasse to and from Vs, without any Let or Hinderance, they being now sent to attend Vs from Our two Houses of Parliament. This Our safe Conduct under Our Signe Manuall and Royall Signet, We Charge and Command them, and every of them, punctually to observe and obey, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost perills.

*Given at Our Court at OXFORD, the
third of MARCH. 1642.*

Your Lordships humble servants

MANCHESTER

Speakers of the House of Commons

pro tempore

Feb. 28.

FOR THE LORD

Viscount FALKLAND.

My Lord,

I Am Commanded by the Lords in
Parliament to desire your Lordship
to present unto His Majesty the
inclosed Articles, concerning a Cessation
of Armes; To which they desire
His Majesties Answer as soon
as it may stand with His Conveniency. I am likewise
commanded to send unto your Lordship the Resolution
of both Houses, that His Majesty may see the ground
of their desires, for a present Cessation of Armes.
My Lord, this is that I have in Command, which
am

Your Lordships humble servant
MANCHESTER,

Feb. 28.

Speaker of the House of Peeres
pro tempore.

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CONCERNING THE
C E S S A T I O N,

I N case we shall obtaine Your Majesties Assent to the Articles of Cessation as they were last presented to Your Majesty within two dayes after the day of the receipt of the reasons this day presented to Your Majesty from both Houses for their not assenting to these alterations and additions to the Articles of Cessation offered by Your Majesty.

We are authorized by our Instructions this day received in the name of both Houses of Parliament, to agree and conclude upon the Cessation to continue to the end of twenty dayes, to be reckoned from the five and twentieth of this instant *March*; and upon a day certaine, as soon as may be when the same shall first begin, and be of force, within which time notice is to be given, as well by His Majesty as by the Lords and Commons to the severall Generalls, Commanders, and Souldiers respectively, to observe the same Cessation as it is qualified and limited in these Articles last presented to Your Majesty.

Northumberland.

VV. Peirrepons.

Ioh. Holland.

VV. Armyns.

B. VVhiteloche.

March. 31. 1643.

Hether by denying the Communication of Quarters you intend to restraine the Quarters of either Army from each other, as that the Forces at *Abington* may not remove to *Banbury*, or the Forces at *Henley* may not remove to *Aylesbury*, or to any other places

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places within the Quarter of each Army respectively a

FALKLAND.

CONCERNING THE

CESSATION

March. 31. 1643.

In Answer to Your Majesties Question upon the
third Article of the Cessation.

VEE humbly conceive, that it is not intended to restrain
the Quarters of either Army respectively from each o-
ther, so as they come not neerer the Quarters of the other Army,
but that the Forces at *Abington* may remove to *Banbury*, or the
Forces at *Henley* may remove to *Aylesbury*, or to any other place
within the Quarters of each Army respectively, so as the Forces of
either Army respectively come not neerer the Quarters of the other
Army, then they shall be upon the day agreed on for the Cessation
to begin.

Northumberland.

J. Holland.

W. Pierrepoint.

W. Armyne.

B. Whitlocke.

March. 31. 1643.



IS Majesty desires to be resolved by the Com-
mittee of Lords and Commons, whether the
Forces of *Oxford* may not as well goe to *Reading*,
as the Forces of *Henley* may to *Aylesbury*?

Whether His Majesties Forces belonging to the Army
at *Oxford*, may not goe to *Shrewsbury*, or any other place
backwards from *London*, so that in their March they ap-
proach

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reach no neerer to any Quarters of any of the contrary
Armies, then some of His Majesties Forces shall Quarter
upon the day agreed upon for the Cessation to beginne

F A L K L A N D.

March. 31. 1643.

VEE humbly conceive that by our Instructions we are
not enabled to give any resolution upon Your Majesties
Questions concerning the removall of Quarter, other then we have
already given.

Northumberland.

I. Holland.

B. Whitelocke.

W. Armyne.

W. Pierrepont.

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times, then some of His Majesties Forces shall Quarter
and the day agreed upon for the Cessation to beginne

E A L K E A N D.

March 21. 1643.

WE humbly conceive that by our Instructions we are
not enabled to give any resolution upon Your Majesties
Petitions concerning the removall of Quarter, other then we have
ready given.

Northumberland.

W. Armes.

W. Pierrepont.

J. Holland.

B. Whitlocks.

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T H E
ARTICLES OF BOTH HOUSES

Concerning a Cessation.



Whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament, out of a tender sense of the present miseries, and distractions of the Kingdome, and for the obtaining and settling of a happy Peace betwixt His Majesty and His People, have humbly presented to His Majesty diverse Propositions, To which He hath been pleased to make this Returne, That His Desire was, that a speedy time and place might be appointed for the discussing of those Propositions; and likewise some others, proposed by His Majesty. It is thereupon agreed in both Houses, that a Committee of both Houses shall be appointed to attend His Majesty, on, or before the fourth of *March*, if His Majesty shall so please, to endeavour to give Him all humble and fit satisfaction concerning the said Propositions, both His Majesties and their owne. And whereas for the more speedy removall of the bloody and miserable effects of Warre, His Majesty hath likewise been graciously pleased by a late Message, to signifye His Desire, that for avoyding all intervening Accidents of Warre, which might interrupt this Treaty, there might be a Cessation of Armes, under such particular conditions and Limitations as should be agreed on, their humble desires therein concurring with His Majesty, it is by them assented and agreed, That a Cessation of Armes, in order to such a Treaty, as is resolved upon by both Houses of *Parliament*, may be enjoyned to all the Armies and Forces now a Foot in the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, on either side, under the Restrictions and Limitations hereafter following; And that neither side shall be bound or limited by this Cessation in any otherwise, or to any other purpose, then is nereafter expressed.

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I. That

1. That all manner of Armes, Ammunition, Victualls, Money, Ballis, and all other Commodities, passing without such a safe Conduct as may warrant their passage, may be seized and seized on as if no such Cessation were agreed on at all.

2. That all manner of persons, passing without such a safe Conduct as is mentioned in the Article next going before, shall be apprehended and detained, as if no such Cessation were agreed on at all.

3. That His Majesties Forces in *Oxfordshire*, shall advance no neerer to *Windsor* then *Windsor*, and in *Buckinghamshire*, no neerer to *Aylesbury* then *Brill*, and that in *Berkeshire*, the Forces respectively, shall not advance neerer the one to the other then now they are. And that the *Parliaments* Forces in *Oxfordshire*, shall advance no neerer to *Oxford* then *Henley*, and those in *Buckinghamshire*, no neerer to *Oxford* then *Aylesbury*; And that His Majesties Forces shall take no new Quarters above twelve miles from *Oxford* any way; and that the *Parliaments* Forces shall take no new Quarters above twelve miles from *Windsor* any way.

4. That no Seige shall be begun, or continued against *Glocester*, and that His Majesties Forces now imployed in the Seige shall returne to *Cyreneester* and *Malmshury*, or to *Oxford*, as shall be most for their conveniency, and the *Parliaments* Forces which are in *Glocestershire*, shall remaine in the Cities of *Glocester*, *Bristol*, and the Castle and Towne of *Berkley*, or retire neerer to *Windsor*, as they shall see cause; and that those of *Wales*, which are drawne to *Glocester*, shall returne into their Quarters where they were, before they drew down to *Glocestershire*.

5. That in case it be pretended on either side, that the Cessation is violated, no act of hostility is immediately to follow. But first the Parry complaining is to acquaint the L^d Generall on the other side, and to allow three dayes after notice given for satisfaction; and in case satisfaction be not given or accepted, then five dayes notice to be given before hostility begin; and the like to be observed in the Remoter Armies, by the Commanders in chiefe.

6. Lastly, that all other Forces in the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, not before mentioned, shall remaine in the same Quarters and places, as they are at the time of the publishing of this Cessation, and under the same condicions as are mentioned

the Articles before, and that this Cessation shall not extend to
restrain the setting forth, or employing of any Ships for the De-
fence of His Majesties Dominions.

All which, they humbly desire His Majesty will be pleased to
Ratifie, and Confirm; and that this Cessation may begin upon the
fourth of *March* next, or sooner if it may be, and continue untill the
five and twentieth of the same month, and in the meane time to
be published to the Commanders, Officers, and Souldiers, and all
other His Majesties loving Subjects on either side, and that the
Treaty intended may commence upon the fourth of *March* next,
or sooner if it may be, and the continuance thereof not to exceed
twenty dayes.

*Job. Browne, Cleric
Parliamentorum.*

been begun, and the Cessation
that much might in this
concluded in order to the
of the Kingdom, but
for His Majesties Propositions
and He heard not
the third of February, and He heard not
the first of March, no constant
the Cessation cannot be
the fourth of this month, by which time
though His Majesty uses no delay in making His Answer
And many of the
Articles now presented to Him from both Houses, concern-
ing the Cessation, are to this effect, that such of His good Sub-
jects who are not of His Majesty (and for whom generally
He always have a principall care, and compassion
and receive not any benefit, or are referred to any like
whereby, which His Majesty shall ever insist upon (where-
in matters merely concerning himselfe He may defend
And which He hath returned with such
and do sufficiently manifest how sollicitous His Majesty
for the good of His people, and how desirous He is, that



HIS MAJESTIES

Answer to the aforesaid

ARTICLE 5.

HIS Majesty hoped the Treaty would have been begun, and the Cessation agreed on long since, and that much might in this time have been concluded in order to the Peace and happines of the Kingdome, but since in almost a moneth (for His Majesties Propositions were made on the third of *February*, and He heard not since from both Houses till the first of *March*,) no consent hath been yeilded to it, He conceives the Cessation cannot begin so soon as the fourth of this moneth, by which time (though His Majesty uses no delay in making His Answer) the same can hardly be returned to them; And many of the Articles now presented to Him from both Houses, concerning the Cessation, are so strict, that such of His good Subjects who are not of His Army (and for whom generally He shall alwayes have a principall, iust, and compassionate regard) receive not any benefit, or are restored to any liberty thereby, which His Majesty shall ever insist upon (when in matters meerly concerning himselfe He may descend to easier conditions;) And which He hath returned with such alterations, as He doubts not both Houses will consent to, and doe sufficiently manifest how sollicitous His Majesty is for the good of His people, and how desirous He is, that in
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this Unnaturall contention, no more Blood of His Subjects may be spilt (upon which He looks with much grief, compassion, and tendernesse of heart) even of those who have lifted up their hands against Him. And His Majesty therefore desires (against which He can imagine no objection can be made) that the Cessation may begin upon the twelfth of this moneth, or sooner, if the conditions of the Cessation shall be sooner agreed on, and is willing the same shall continue for twenty dayes, in which time He hopes by the Treaty and a cleer understanding of each other, a full Peace and happinesse may be established throughout the Kingdome. And during that time His Majesty is willing that neither side shall be bound or limited by this Cessation in any other wise, or to any other purpose, then is hereafter expressed.

1. That all manner of Armes, and Ammunition, Mony, Bullion, and Victualls passing for the use of either Army, without a Passe, or safe Conduct from the Generalls of each Army, may be stayed and seized on, as if no Cessation were agreed on at all.

2. That all Officers and Souldiers of either Army, passing without such Licence or safe Conduct as aforesaid, may be apprehended and detained, as if no such Cessation were agreed on at all; and that all manner of Persons His Majesties Subjects of what quality or condition soever (except Officers and Souldiers of either Army) shall passe to and from the Cities of Oxford and London, and back againe at their pleasures, during this Cessation, as likewise to and from any other parts of His Majesties Dominions, without any search, stay, or Imprisonment of their Persons, or seizure and detention of their goods, or Estates; And that all manner of Trade, Traffique, and Commerce be free and open

open between all His Majesties Subjects, excepting, as aforesaid, between the Officers and Souldiers of either Army, or for Armes, Ammunition, Mony, Bullion, or Victualls for the use of either Army, without a passe or safe Conduct as aforesaid.

Which may be a good beginning to renew the Trade and Correspondence of the Kingdom, and whereby His good Subjects may be restored to that liberty and freedom they were born to, and have so happily enjoyed till these miserable distractions, and which, even during this warre, His Majesty hath to His utmost laboured to preserve, opening the way by most strict Proclamations to the passage of all commodities, Even to the City of London it selfe.

3. That His Majesties Forces in *Oxfordshire* shall advance no nearer to *Windfor* then *Wheatly*, and in *Buckinghamshire* no nearer to *Aylesbury* then *Brill*, and that in *Berkshire* the Forces respectively shall not advance nearer the one to the other, then they shall be at the day to be agreed upon for the Cessation to begin, And that the Forces of the other Army in *Oxfordshire* shall advance no nearer to *Oxford* then *Henly*, and those in *Buckinghamshire* no nearer to *Oxford* then *Aylesbury*, and that the Forces of neither Army shall advance their Quarters nearer to each other, then they shall be upon the day agreed on for the Cessation to begin, otherwise then in passage and Communication between their severall Quarters respectively, without any acts of Hostility each to other, but may enlarge themselves within their own Quarters respectively, as they shall find convenient.

4. That the Forces of either Army in *Glocestershire*, *Wiltshire*, and *Wales*, as likewise in the Cities of *Glocester*, *Bristol*, and the Castle & Town of *Berkly* shall be guided by the Rule exprest in the latter part of the precedent Article.

5. That in case it be pretended on either side, that the Cessation is violated, no act of hostility is immediatly to follow, but first the party complaining, is to acquaint the Lord Generall on the other side, and to allow three daies, after notice given, for satisfaction, and in case satisfaction be not given or accepted, then five dayes notice to be given before hostility begin, and the like to be observed in the Remoter Armies by the Commanders in chiefe.

6. That all other Forces in the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, not before mentioned, shall remain in the same Quarters and places as they are at the time of publishing this Cessation, otherwise then in passage and communication between their severall Quarters, as is mentioned in the latter part of the third Article; and that this Cessation shall not extend to restrain the setting forth or imploying any Ships for the defence of His *Majesties* Dominions; Provided that His *Majesty* be first acquainted with the particulars, and that such Ships as shall be set forth be commanded by such persons as His *Majesty* shall approve of.

7. Lastly, that during the Cessation none of His *Majesties* Subjects be imprisoned, otherwise then according to the known Lawes of the Land, and that there shall be no Plundering or Violence offered to any of His Subjects.

And His *Majesty* is very willing, if there be any scruples made concerning these Propositions and Circumstances of the Cessation, that the Committee for the Treaty nevertheless may immediatly come hither, and so all matters concerning the Cessation may be here settled by them.

That in case it be proceeded on either side, that the
 Cession is violated, no act of hostility is immediately to
 follow, but that the party complaining is to send notice
 Lord General on the other side, and to allow three days,
 after notice given, for satisfaction, and in case satisfaction
 be not given or accepted, then five days notice to be given
 before hostility begin, and the like to be observed in the
 former Articles by the Commanders in chief.

That all other Forces in the Kingdom of England
 and Dominion of Wales, not before mentioned, shall be
 main in the said Quarrelling places as they are at the time
 of publishing the Cession, or otherwise in passage and
 communication between their several Quarters, as is men-
 tioned in the latter part of the third Article; and that this
 Cession shall not extend to restrain the sailing forth or
 employing any Ships for the defence of His Majesty's Do-
 minions. Provided that His Majesty be first acquainted with
 the particulars, and that such Ships as shall be let forth be
 commanded by such persons as His Majesty shall approve

of. Lastly, that during the Cession none of His Ma-
 jesty's Subjects be imprisoned, otherwise then according to
 the known Law of the Land, and that there shall be no
 plundering or Violence offered to any of His Subjects.

And His Majesty is very willing, if there be any proposals
 made concerning these Propositions and Circumstances of
 the Cession, that the Committee for the Treaty never-
 theless may be named by consultation, and to all matters
 concerning the Cession may be referred by them.

